

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF GILMER, TO-WIT:

At a Regular Session of the County Commission of Gilmer County, West Virginia held at the courthouse thereof on Friday, the 20th day of April 2018.

PRESENT: Larry B. Chapman, President, John D. Bennett and Brian Kennedy Commissioners thereof.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by President Larry B. Chapman at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

See file for list of people present for all or portions of the County Commission meeting.

See File # 613

Karen Pennebaker, representative for the Gilmer County Historical Society and several other community members appeared before the Commission to discuss the issue of the Commission selling the Holt House. Ms. Pennebaker would like the Commission to sell the Holt House to the Historical Society or the Landmarks Commission.

The Commission informed Ms. Pennebaker and members of the community their plans for selling the building would be to have extra money to supplement funds for the county, but after the explanation they understood their concerns. Also, the Commission requested the selling of the Holt House be put back on the agenda for next meeting for further discussion.

Eric Squires, Director for Office of Emergency Services appeared before the Commission to give an update of the mass notification for emergencies throughout Gilmer County.

Andrew Parker, representative from Global Technology and Science appeared before the Commission to discuss internet options.

Mr. Parker appeared before the Commission at the previous meeting to inform them the current contract with Global Technology and Science contract has expired and they need to decide which company to obtain internet service with.

Mr. Parker presented the Commission with a list of capable companies for internet service and their monthly fees.

The Commission asked that item be placed on the next Commission meeting agenda for May 4, 2018 for a decision of which company to obtain internet service.

See File # 614

Upon consideration the Commission unanimously agreed to approve one exoneration from erroneous assessment.

Upon application of Betty Hewitt whose address is 2612 Liberty St., Parkersburg WV 26101 who proved to the satisfaction of the Commission that they are aggrieved by an erroneous assessment of \$9,930.00 on 2016 Subaru Legacy in Glenville Corp. District, Gilmer County, West Virginia, assessed at \$9,930.00 in and for the year 2017. The Commission therefore, orders that the said applicant be and is hereby exonerated from the said erroneous assessment and from the payment of the taxes so assessed in and for the year 2017. If it has been paid, the Sheriff shall refund the same to them; or if more than a year from the time the property books were delivered to the Sheriff for the effected tax year, the Sheriff shall allow a credit on future taxes payable.

The Commission certifies the following facts upon which it grants said relief: Exonerate ticket #305402 with value of \$9,930.00 and taxes of \$263.36. Vehicle is also assessed in Wood County.

A copy, attest: Jean Butcher, Clerk

Gerald Hough, Pros. Attorney

Gary L. Wolfe, Assessor

Larry B. Chapman, President

APPROVED

April 20, 2018

GILMER COUNTY COMMISSION

April 20, 2018

Commissioner John Bennett entered a motion to approve the estate qualifications, appraisements and final settlements as entered by County Clerk, Jean Butcher in vacation of said Commission. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

See File # 615

Commissioner Brian Kennedy entered a motion to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried.

Ordered that the sum of \$23,438.06 be allowed from GENERAL COUNTY FUND for 2nd payroll for April being check number 45369-45376 and 702370-702388 inclusive.

Ordered that the sum of \$40,084.53 be allowed from GENERAL COUNTY FUND for services rendered, being check number 43064-43078 inclusive.

Ordered that the sum of \$424.38 be allowed from ASSESSOR VALUATION FUND for services rendered, being check 1840-1841 inclusive.

Ordered that the sum of \$216.34 be allowed from CONCEALED WEAPONS FUND for services rendered, being check number 924.

Ordered that the sum of \$54.06 be allowed from MAGISTRATE COURT FUND for services rendered, being check number 532.

Commissioner John D. Bennett entered a motion to approve the Commission minutes for March 19, 2018, March 23, 2018, March 26, 2018 and March 30, 2018 Commission meetings with the reading of the minutes waived. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Gilmer County Health Department Board filed the minutes for March 20, 2018 meeting.

See File # 616

The Wes-Mon-Ty RC & D Board of Directors filed the minutes for March 20, 2018 meeting.

See File # 617

The Gilmer County Public Service District board filed the minutes for March 12, 2018 meeting.

See File # 618

The Gilmer County Parks & Recreation Board, Inc. filed the minutes for March 18, 2018 meeting.

See File # 619

Due the roof leaking, the Commission had Murray Sheet Metal Co., Inc. come and look at the situation and give a quote on how much it would cost.

Commissioner John D. Bennett entered a motion to accept the quote presented to the Commission in the amount of \$24,902.86 and to take \$24,000.00 out of the Rainy Day Fund. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

See File # 620

Due to the acoustics system in the courtroom being painted over during renovation of the upstairs, the Commission had two companies come and give a quote to have acoustic panels installed.

Commissioner Brian Kennedy entered a motion to accept the Charleston Acoustics quote in the amount of \$8,089.20. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

See File # 621

Due to various counties and cities filing a lawsuit against the opioid crisis throughout the state, the Gilmer County Commission has decided to adopt the resolution and agreement for the lawsuit and hire Webb Law Centre, PLLC as the representative for the county.

Commissioner Brian Kennedy entered a motion to adopt the resolution and the agreement and hire Webb Law Centre, PLLC as the representative for the county and allow Commission President Larry B. Chapman to sign the documents to enter into the lawsuit. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pursuant to the motion Commission President Larry B. Chapman signed the resolution and agreement to enter into the lawsuit.

See File # 622

Commissioner John D. Bennett entered a motion to move the May 4, 2018 Commission meeting to the courtroom in the Annex building due to early voting in the Commission room. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commission President Larry B. Chapman informed the other Commissioners and the public they have received a Writ of Mandamus and Writ of Prohibition and Injunctive Relief from the Circuit Court. President Chapman said the Commission needs to appear before the judge on April 26, 2018 to show cause as to why the mandamus should not be issued.

After much discussion the Commission agreed to meet on Monday the 23rd of April, 2018 to discuss the lawsuit further.

See File # 623

The Commission having completed the business of the present term, a motion for adjournment was entered by Commissioner Brian Kennedy at 10:22 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordered that the Commission does now adjourn and to meet again in Regular Session on May 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Larry B. Chapman, President